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Crop Progress & Condition Report

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Week ending October 16, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 16, 2011**. Rain showers in the middle of the week provided adequate moisture for digging sweet potatoes and peanuts. Winter wheat plantings have been hindered due to the rain but the added moisture has helped with germination. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 37 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending October 16, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	100	100	100	97
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	100	98
Cotton, harvested	72	56	91	62
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	100	99	100	99
Peanuts, dug	56	50	--	--
Peanuts, harvested	54	40	76	51
Rice, harvested	98	90	100	89
Sorghum, harvested	100	99	100	90
Soybeans, turning color	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	97	100	97
Soybeans, harvested	83	77	94	82
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	80	72	87	69
Winter Wheat, planted	39	35	21	13
Winter Wheat, emerged	31	25	8	5

Crop condition for week ending October 16, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	0	7	34	45	14
Pasture	1	13	40	41	5
Peanuts	0	17	46	37	0

Comments

“Cotton and soybeans will continue to be harvested at rapid rate this week, as most growers that are not finished are really close. It has been really good weather conditions for October this far and if the second half is like the first, crops will have been harvested with little damage or disturbances due to foul weather. Growers continue to prepare fields for next spring and have been able to get a lot of work done to date.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Mid-week rains slowed harvest activities. Cotton yields have been disappointing compared to early harvest appearances. Now that gin weights are coming back, the yields are average.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Varied rainfall early in the week ranged from barely a sprinkle to almost 4 inches in places. Cotton harvest is moving along rapidly but most producers are disappointed in weights when it is ginned.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Wheat planting has begun in the county and there appears that we will have a big increase over last year. Cotton harvest is progressing rapidly. The fall weather has been beautiful for harvest.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“It looks like summertime heat is about to be over finally. Forecasts predict some real pleasant weather conditions coming up. Hay harvest is all but over with a good supply of hay going into the winter. The dry weather has been good for row-crop harvesting and I hope it will continue until harvest is over.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Cotton harvest has progressed well. Yields are turning out to be very good. Fields are being planted now for fall-spring grazing.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain showers mid week stopped harvest for a couple of days, but farmers are back harvesting now. Some wheat will be planted this week.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Dry weather has allowed for late hay harvest and fall planting. Soybean harvest is winding down.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 6, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	82	49	67	65	2	0.64	0.01	1	3.52
Cleveland	84	50	68	66	2	0.59	-0.10	1	4.92
Lambert 5E	83	47	67			0.91	0.28	1	4.95
Tunica 2	85	51	68	64	4	0.92	0.22	1	2.63
Extreme/Average	85	47	68	64	4	0.77	0.11	1	4.22
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	85	46	66	63	3	0.60	-0.11	1	1.80
Hickory Flat	83	43	64	62	2	0.55	-0.15	2	3.31
Holly Springs	82	41	64	61	3	0.34	-0.45	1	4.59
Independence 1W	82	45	64	62	2	0.60	-0.03	1	3.43
University	83	47	66	62	4	0.97	0.16	2	3.68
Extreme/Average	85	41	64	63	1	0.61	-0.09	1	3.36
Northeast									
Booneville	80	44	64	62	2	0.22	-0.48	3	2.12
Corinth City	79	45	62	64	-2	0.63	-0.05	2	0.94
Pontotoc Exp	80	48	64	64	0	0.50	-0.21	3	1.43
Verona Exp	84	47	66	63	3	0.32	-0.31	1	1.60
Extreme/Average	84	44	64	62	2	0.42	-0.28	2	1.52
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	83	50	69	66	3	0.62	-0.19	1	2.88
Moorhead	86	52	69	67	2	0.93	0.23	1	1.48
Rolling Fork	86	51	70	66	4	1.53	0.68	1	4.69
Extreme/Average	86	50	69	66	3	1.03	0.26	1	3.02
Central									
Canton	84	47	67	65	2	0.29	-0.42	1	2.86
Forest 3E	84	45	66	65	1	0.64	-0.14	1	2.64
Kosciukso	81	50	68	64	4	0.51	-0.26	1	2.66
Winona 5E	82	46	65	61	4	0.90	0.20	2	2.12
Extreme/Average	84	45	66	64	2	0.59	-0.16	1	2.57
East-Central									
Aberdeen	81	47	66	63	3	0.17	-0.64	2	1.07
Columbus	88	52	67	65	2	0.36	-0.29	3	1.65
Macon 2E	82	48	65	64	1	0.26	-0.37	3	2.93
State University	81	47	65	64	1	0.45	-0.25	3	1.96
Extreme/Average	88	47	66	64	2	0.31	-0.39	3	1.90
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	84	48	67	66	1	0.25	-0.45	1	1.30
Crystal Springs	86	50	68	67	1	0.30	-0.40	1	0.89
Natchez	85	48	68	68	0	0.30	-0.54	1	0.95
Vicksburg	83	52	69			0.51		1	0.73
Extreme/Average	86	48	68	66	2	0.34	-0.43	1	0.86
South-Central									
Collins	81	49	68	66	2	0.35	-0.42	1	1.45
Columbia	83	51	69	67	2	0.15	-0.56	1	2.50
Monticello	86	52	70	65	5	0.15	-0.62	1	0.60
Raleigh	82	45	65			0.68		1	1.89
Extreme/Average	86	45	68	66	2	0.33	-0.43	1	1.61
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	84	51	69	67	2	0.21	-0.51	1	2.79
Laurel	84	49	69	66	3	0.66	-0.04	1	4.04
Newton Exp	84	46	66	64	2	0.78	0.07	3	3.20
Waynesboro 2W	85	48	68	65	3	0.40	-0.18	1	3.98
Extreme/Average	85	46	68	65	3	0.51	-0.17	2	3.50
State	88	41	67	65	2	0.53	-0.19	1	2.43

Departure from Normal.